

GRAND COURT A.O.F.O.R.A

Its Labors Concluded at San Jose Yesterday.

THE GRAND OFFICERS INSTALLED

It Was Recommended That No Office Having a Religious Character be Constituted.

SAN JOSE, May 10.—The Grand Court of the Ancient Order of Foresters closed its labors today, enjoyed a half this evening; and tomorrow the delegates will go on excursions to Mount Hamilton and Palo Alto.

When the court convened in the morning the amendment to forbid the incorporation of subordinate courts under the laws of the state was called up and laid over for one year.

Louis Berger of Court Apollo was elected alternate to Supreme Representative C. H. Bremer. In accordance with action taken no court can hereafter initiate any candidate for less than the minimum fee allowed by grand and supreme court laws. No subterfuge shall be permitted under penalty of disqualification of the court from the order. No member can benefit as a matter of law for a longer period than twenty-six consecutive weeks.

An amendment which provides that on the death of a member of a subordinate court in good standing at the time of his death, the court may pay such funeral allowances as its by-laws provide; providing, however, that on the death of a member who has been sick for one year or over, and who is in good standing at the time of his death, the court may not let him than \$50 and more than \$80. Subordinate courts may pay funeral allowances on the death of the wives of members if the court by-laws so provide, and under such further rules and regulations as they may adopt. An amendment providing that when a court accepts a traveling card they may, under surrender thereof, advance to the holder thereof not more than two weeks sick benefits in accordance therewith, and thereafter shall recover the same from the issuing court, said card to be retained till said recovery.

An amendment which cuts out from any part of the constitution any clause or section providing for the reading out of unprinted manuscripts was adopted. The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of the Grand court that in any ritual proposed for the order and which may be adopted by the supreme court, there shall be no oaths constituted with any religious character, and no religious circumferences incorporated therein."

A resolution from Arizona asking for an amendment to the Grand court laws providing for representation by proxy of delegation to the Grand court from others was not adopted.

The court of appeal May 10 agreed to payment of the death benefit to one of their brothers on a question of law; action of court reversed and payment of claim ordered.

In the matter of the appeal of S. S. Green, after a lengthy debate from Delegate Asher, it was decided to send the matter back to the court, executive council be sustained, and a new election ordered. It was ordered that the grand secretary of A.O.F.O.R.A., first vice-president be struck and precluded from their office.

The office of permanent organizer is abolished and organizers will be commissioned at the will of the executive council.

A resolution that the chief ranger have custody of all bonds was carried. The supreme amendments were referred to the supreme representatives. The bonds of the grand secretary and grand treasurer were fixed at \$2000.

A resolution of respect to the memory of Henry Kroll, state grand treasurer, was adopted, and the delegates assumed a standing position for three minutes.

The deliberations of the grand body having been concluded, the supreme chief ranger, Lewis Thorpe, assisted by J. J. Coryd, D. S. G. E., began the installation of officers. Before doing so, he presented to the junior past grand chief ranger on behalf of the grandcourt a handkerchief P. G. C. R. jewel.

Headquarters will be established in Cleveland, O., during the session commencing September 10th, and it is proposed to sustain the reputation of California for hospitality. The delegation expect to again bring back supreme honors to California.

Road Record Broken.

FRESNO, May 10.—T. G. Wahl of Colorado Springs, a member of the Century Road Club, broke the world's fifty-mile record today, riding from a point forty miles north of Colorado Springs to this city in two hours and fifteen minutes. The wind favored him. He was obliged to ford Tuguhua river, a stream over 100 feet wide. The first four miles were ridden in eight minutes. No pacemaker accompanied the rider. The previous American record for fifty miles was held by Kenner of New York, and is 2:30. The previous world's record is held by Linton of Hereford, England, and is 2 hours and 21 minutes.

Dueling Attacked in the Reichstag.

BRAUNS, May 10.—In the Reichstag Herr Babel, socialist, attacked the practice of dueling, which he declared was contrary to religion and morality. He especially commented upon the students' associations, in which dueling was formerly recognized. The minister of war, General Brouard Von Schellendorff, replied that Herr Babel was incapable of understanding the views of army officers on this question. Dueling, he added, was only resorted to in the army when all endeavors leading to a peaceful settlement of the matter in dispute had failed.

Consolidated Colleges.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 10.—The new articles of incorporation and consolidation of the Napa college with the University of the Pacific at College Park, Napa, will go into effect in a few days. The two institutions will then be under the control of a board of thirty trustees. The joint property of the consolidated institutions will amount to estates valued at \$20,000 with an endowment of \$50,000. Only \$3000 is lacking in subscription to cover the debt of \$30,000. It is believed that in the near future the two colleges will be incorporated under one head, but no steps will be taken toward that end till the debt is entirely paid off.

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Tornado in Wisconsin.

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Negotiations at an End.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 10.—"Smy Red," suspected of the murder of the Webbers of Sacramento, was arrested tonight by one of Captain Lee's men, on information received from the chief of police of Sacramento. He is known by the name of Sande and will be taken to Sacramento tomorrow.

Missouri Apple and Pear Crop.

SEALSBURG, N.Y., May 10.—Chicago fruit buyers are buying apples and pears in advance of the maturity of the crop in this section. The apple crop promises to be the largest in fifteen years, while the yield of pears will be simply enormous.

A SENSATIONAL SUIT.

Charges Against the President of an Insurance Company.

DETROIT, Mich., May 10.—A sensational suit, in which an accounting of the Michigan Mutual Life Insurance Company and the removal of President Oscar B. Looker, are prayed for, was begun in the Wayne circuit court today. The complainants are ex-Vice President Joseph W. Dusenbury of this city, et al. Several officers and directors of the company are made party defendants with the president. The bill alleges that years past President Looker has embezzled, reporting the company's affairs, reporting the valuation of his testate, for instance, at a valuation largely in excess of its market value. It is charged that he mortgages to secure future premiums on life insurance policies have been treated as assets, without any countercheck in the accounts of policy holders or otherwise; also that the reports made to the state insurance commissioners have embodied policies which had long since expired. Various other charges are made against President Looker, but they affect the company's balance in his own interests and with intent to defraud the stockholders. An investigation and accounting is prayed for.

Mrs. Stratton's Estate.

SANTA CRUZ, May 10.—Judge Logan has decided that Constantine E. P. Smith of Stockton is entitled to Georgian Stratton's estate. The deceased left an airtight will, and after disposing of minor bequests left the bulk of her property to either her husband or Smith, her grandson. The will was written in such a way that it could be construed that she meant either. The husband's heirs opposed the contest.

This afternoon the stock sheds in the pavilion grounds caught fire, and were soon ablaze. Prompt efforts of the fire department saved the adjoining property. A few days ago the sheds took fire from a burning barn. The sheds are a total loss. The fire is believed to have been accidental.

A CLOUDBURST.

GREAT DAMAGE TO PROPERTY BUT NO LIVES LOST.

A Raging River Five Feet in Depth Rushed Through the Streets of Hermannsville, Miss.

HERRIMANSVILLE, Miss., May 10.—A cloudburst at this place yesterday did great damage to property, but no lives were lost. The downpour of rain was terrific, and the flood overflowed all the streams in the neighborhood. The town and the surrounding country were a sea of surging waters. Fences, houses, etc., were swept away from their foundations, and through the main streets of the town rushed a raging river five feet in depth. It overflowed many houses, sweeping over the ground floor, and the stock which could not be gotten up in time had to swim to places of safety. Men had to give up the task of rescue, as the water soon rose above their heads. The people sought safety in second stories, and as far as can be learned no lives were lost. The winds are all down.

San Francisco Races.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 10.—The track was fast and the racing close today. The talent suffered, for only the first two races went to favorites. In the last race, Soon Enough, heavily backed at 50 to 1, ran away. Circle put up a beautiful race in the six furlong handicap, her time being close to the record.

Five and a half furlongs, selling—Belle Bell, Tohey 2, John Martin Fifty 3, Time, 1:05½.

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California Tourist Killed.

MONTGOMERY, Ill., May 11.—Joe Fowler, who claimed to have left California, was fatally injured at Rock river bridge last night by the derailing of a freight train, on which he was stealing a ride. One arm and leg were torn off, and the other leg broken, death resulting in a few hours.

California Rebels Dispersed.

MONTGOMERY, Ill., May 11.—A dispute received here from Havana says the Spanish troops operating against the Cuban rebels have dispersed two bands, one commanded by Matias and the other by Castillon, capturing their arms and ammunition.

Exiled Queen Returns.

BERMUDA, May 10.—Ex-Queen Natalie arrived here, having been in exile four years. She was met by her son, King Alexander, and a vast crowd. King Milan remained at Niueh. He is quite well in health.

PASSENGER TRAFFIC

Reorganizing the Transcontinental Association.

THE BURLINGTON'S CIRCULAR

Stage Companies Have Announced a Reduction to Visitors at Yellowstone Park.

CITRUS, May 10.—The attempt to reorganize the Transcontinental Passenger Association assumed definite form today and there is on the surface no reason why the efforts should not be successful. All the lines interested were represented at the meeting, all announcing themselves as being in favor of the reorganization, and no line was able to give any reason why the reorganization should not be started at once. After some discussion it was decided to appoint a committee to draw up a plan of reorganization, which is to be submitted to the general meeting, not later than May 23rd. The committee consists of representatives of the Canadian Pacific, Northern Pacific, Great Northern, Union Pacific, Rock Island, Atchison and Southern Pacific. Whatever the committee agrees upon is very sure of adoption, for the committee comprises China, all the lines interested in the transcontinental traffic.

Yesterday the western lines in conference decided that after May 19th there would be no more generalization of rates, whether on account of the house guests' excursions or for any other reason. Now there is every probability that the lines will regularize their rates, but that regular rates as well will be constantly disturbed. The tourists will be slightly raised and left, but that regular rates as well will be extensively used.

The hotel and stage companies, which have a monopoly of the business at Yellowstone park, announced a material reduction in rates to be charged visitors to the park. Heretofore it has cost \$35 to make a tour of the park, but the decision reached that unless the Burlington promptly withdraws its offer of a \$30 reduction, they will reduce the regular summer tourist rates to the park.

Valley Road Directors at Hanford.

HANFORD, Calif., May 10.—A party of directors of the San Joaquin Valley Railroad, including Engineer Storey, are in Hanford today. They rode over teams from Fresno and have spent the afternoon in viewing the vineyards and orchards around the city. Tomorrow in company with a number of Hanford citizens they will drive over the probable route of the road between Hanford and Bakersfield.

THE CHINESE LOAN.

FINANCIERS TO MEET TO CONSIDER IT.

It Will Not Be Surprising if It Reaches 180,000,000 Pounds Sterling.

LONDON, May 10.—A dispatch to the Times from Paris says: Mr. Hamotau, minister of foreign affairs, has invited the leading financiers to meet Saturday to consider the impending Chinese loan, to the ways in which the house might operate and the conditions on which French capital might participate. One reason for this action on the part of Hamotau is that Russia, France and Germany, in return for Japanese piling up of large quantities, has prevented the British and Americans at Shanghai and elsewhere from using similar machinery. Now, however, the emperor's monopoly is at an end, and American machinery is expected to be freely introduced there. The privileges which Japan is now claiming over the southern provinces of China, He has since produced large quantities, and has prevented the British and Americans at Shanghai and elsewhere from using similar machinery. Now, however, the emperor's monopoly is at an end, and American machinery is expected to be freely introduced there. 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Utah Republicans have demanded the immediate renunciation of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 with gold.¹ If we have to eat crow, brethren, there is consolation in the thought that it will take a good many of the subversives to go around. Apparently the desire for croissants is growing.

The receipts of the Southern Pacific for 1894 were \$2,107,840 less than for 1893, after deducting advertising expenses. This is attributed partly to the strike last summer and partly to the general failing off in business. The best paying portion of the company's lines was their steamers on the Gulf of Mexico.

The rebellion in Cuba is an enigma. One day the report comes that the insurgents have been captured or dispersed; the next day it is the Spaniards who have been defeated. But as the weeks go by, the fighting continues, and the outcome is doubtful. A decisive victory for either side would probably end the war.

The New Woman proposes to have the Bible revised so that its statements in regard to her sex will be more complimentary in their nature. The ground upon which she is demanding certain changes in the holy writ is that man, selfish and crasy, has succeeded in twisting the word of God into its present attitude regarding woman, and she proposes now to untwist it. Divine revelation will not be sought in making the desired corrections. The New Woman knows what she wants without asking anything.

The Sacramento Record-Union says that San Francisco is on the wrong side of the bay. Still, as it is there, and is likely to stay there, and is our metropolis, it seems as if it would just as well not to let awake nights grivous over the matter, but just hold and do what we of the interior may to make the metropolis a city of which we may all be proud. The people in a city count more than some unpleasant features of location, anyway. New York was built on an island, and Chicago is a mud-puddle.

The attention of the conservative, cautious and weirdly prophetic Tribune Register is called to the fact that the Illinois Democrats will probably declare for free silver at a ratio of 16 to 1. In the course of another of the able crow editorials with which it regulates its readers, it might call attention to the probable effect on the voters of this western country if the Democratic party should nationally declare for free silver while the Republican party should remain as silent on the question as the owl presumes.

Speaking of the Tribune Register's comments on crow in its relation to the advocacy of silver coinage by Republican newspapers, the Visalia Times remarks:

The San Francisco Chronicle and Call, Sacramento Bee and the Fresno Republican, will be entitled to front seats at the crow feast if that Register has the situation sized up correctly.

And we will at least have the satisfaction of knowing that those good company at the banquet. By the way, what sort of meat are those Democratic journals which are supporting Cleveland's single standard policy going to feed upon when the national Democratic convention declares for free coinage?

A "SUNDAY OBSERVANCE" daily newspaper is to be started in Chicago, which will issue no Sunday edition, will ignore crimes and all other unpleasant topics and "print only things which shall picture the world as a thing of sunshine and goodness." It would, of course, be a pleasant thing to view the world in this light through the daily press, but it would be merely a pleasant falsehood after all—a delusion that could neither deceive nor benefit. The world has its sins and its sorrows as well as its goodness and pleasures, and the best newspaper in the one which faithfully mirrors passing events, both good and bad. The whitened sepulcher is none the less a sepulcher, and all the kinsome artists on earth cannot make anything else of it.

Editor Dana has been deceived into believing that there is something wrong with the aroma and taste of California wines, let him turn the Sun over to the office cat for a few weeks, come to Fresno and sample the pure wines produced here and substitute truth for error. Mr. Dana doubtless thinks he is telling the truth and that the decorations submitted to him are genuine California wine, but it is a sad thing that a man of his age and experience should be led into downright lying. If the venerable editor of the Sun does not come to California soon he may never have the opportunity to square his record by telling the truth. It is appalling to think of a man going into the future state in that condition when a trip to California would save him.

ADMIRAL MEADE has unfavorably criticized the foreign policy of the Cleveland administration, and a dispatch announces that "the President is said to have strongly expressed himself as being determined that punishment of some kind shall be meted out to the Admiral for his language." This seems to be making an unjustifiable invidious distinction against the Admiral. In the cities, towns, villages, hamlets and country places of the land today nothing is quite as common in the conversation of men as unfavorable criticism of the President's policy, both foreign and domestic. Nor is this criticism confined to the voters of the opposition party. You will hear nearly as much of it from the lips of Democrats as from Republicans or Populists. If the President has decided to punish his critics he has taken a large contract, and on the contrary, he has selected Admiral Meade as a special mark. Mr. Cleveland is manifestly unique. Mr. Cleveland will do well to take a second thought before he begins the punishment process.

NOW FOR THE RAILROAD.

A FAIR PROPOSITION.

DEMOCRATIC NERVE.

RANDOM REMARKS.

An erratic individual appeared on the streets of Stockton recently. In his hand he carried a steel punch, and with it he used to pass through people. When asked by a Mail reporter why he did it, he responded: "To punch some sense into the heads of the people of Stockton." He may succeed in some cases, but if he doesn't fail in others we don't know the Stockton people.

The proposition of the directors of the San Joaquin Valley Railroad and the people of Fresno is a fair one, view it from any standpoint which you may. Fresno county could not do less and properly express the appreciation of the people for the advantages which the new road will bring, and owing to the period of depression through which all classes of industry have been passing, it could hardly do more.

The right of way through the county and a liberal donation of land in this city for depot and terminal privileges, is a concession of large value to any railroad, but the benefits to be derived by the people fully warrant it. The proposition made by the directors is a really satisfactory one, and it only remains for the people of Fresno county to comply with the reasonable request with all possible expedition.

Two and a half years ago the Democratic party went into power solidly pledged in its platform to sustain silver, not as a mere subsidiary coin, but as an equal money with gold; pledged to crash the trusts and give to the toiling masses equal privileges and opportunities with any other class or condition of people. Every avenue was wide open to the party for the redemption of its promises. It had substantial majorities in both houses of congress and all the machinery of government was fully in its control. And what is the result of this magnificent opportunity for the Democratic party to prove its oft professed fealty to the cause of the plain people?

Anti-trust laws promptly set aside and the trusts in more complete possession of the business of the country than ever before; a long, bitter fight over the tariff question, bringing with it deadly blight of uncertainty and threatened destruction unprecedented industrial disaster, the outcome of which was a law as well worth consideration. The directors propose to make Fresno division head-quarters, and locate shops here, which will give employment to a considerable number of men. It is for this reason that they desire a fair tract of land for terminal privileges. It is also probable that two lines will be built southward from Fresno to some point between here and Bakersfield, all of which will be to the advantage of this city.

Unquestionably strenuous efforts will be necessary to raise the money which will be required to secure these privileges, but important objects are not to be attained without effort. Fresno has been for years past calling upon the citizens of San Francisco to come to the relief of the valley with a competing road, and now that they have responded Fresno must do her part, notwithstanding the lapse of time has made it more difficult of performance. The fact that a reasonable request has been submitted should make us all the more anxious to respond promptly.

The securing of forty or fifty acres of land immediately adjoining the city, in a desirable location for the new road, is not altogether an easy undertaking, but the present low values of suburban property is a point in favor of its accomplishment. Real estate holders where land may be desired will be very likely to make material concessions in a sale for that purpose. An exorbitant rate could not be obtained by anyone who might be inclined to seek it, for the law of eminent domain can be applied and the actual value of the land ascertained in that way. Public spirit is, however, expected to make such proceeding unnecessary in any case.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

Tesia, THE ELECTRICIAN.

The discoveries of Nikola Tesla in electricity are attracting the attention of the scientific world. He has been pronounced the superior of Edison as an electrician, but this claim is liable to be questioned until he puts into practice what he holds in theory. He is a native of Montenegro, a small province in the mountains of European Turkey; but he now resides in New York.

Among the inventions claimed for him is the oscillator, which combines the work of the steam engine and the dynamo, stripped of all their complicated machinery. The mechanism is simple, and yet it is claimed that it will do the work of a steam engine at mere fraction of the cost. It needs but little fuel. The application of this invention in propelling ships will work a revolution in navigation. The chief cost in the modern steamer is the amount of coal it requires, and the space needed for storage of fuel. Should Tesla's invention come up to expectation, the engine room and coal bunkers of a man-of-war would occupy little more space than the captain's cabin.

The burning of Mr. Tesla's workshop recently with all his designs and models was a serious loss, and must delay the putting into practice of his inventions.

The United States contract labor laws are being violated every two or three weeks by the Japanese. The country is being flooded with cheap Japanese labor; the little brown men are pouring in upon us in greater numbers than did the Chinese before the registration act was passed by congress, and the state of California is threatened with an epidemic of cheap labor and bad times in farming and commercial circles. It is time to sound the alarm and expose the ways and means by which certain officials have provided their henchmen with fruit pickers and packers from the ranks of the Japanese employed, while white American working-men stand idly by and watch the theft of the golden state being reaped by the alien horde of Asia. To all appearances the United States immigration officers have been neglectful of duty, and, what is worse, alleged American citizens have contracted for cheap Japanese laborers who agreed to receive per capita \$0 and 50 cents per day for twelve or fourteen hours' work.

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MISSING CONNECTIONS

The Directors too Speedy for the Committees.

THEY WILL RETURN ON FRIDAY

Leon Sloss's Opinion of the Future of the Valley When the Road is Built.

The directors of the Valley road are evidently not out for pleasure. If so, they would not be in such haste to be upon the road. They planned for long drives from Fresno to Hanford and other places. They wanted to be upon the road, as soon after daylight as possible, this was for the double purpose of escaping the heat and hurrying through with their work. They came into Fresno on the mid-night train, slept in their special car, and were out and upon the road to Hanford by the time the sun appeared above the peaks of the Sierras.

The next time the committees of the Hundred Thousand Club and the Chamber of Commerce prepare for a morning call on these traveling directors, they will not forget that early start, or assess of all the virtues attributed to it. Partly through delayed telegrams, partly through the anxiety of the party to get their trip to Hanford accomplished before the midday heat set in, the reception committees found when they made their way to the depot at 8 o'clock that the guests had already departed. It was understood that the start for Hanford would be made at that hour, but long before 8 o'clock struck, the directors were dashing down Eliza street, with a four-in-hand coach and four, followed by Tom G. and the ribbons, and from the way they started out, it surprised one to hear that the thirty-five miles to Hanford were covered before 1 o'clock.

The six-seated surrey looked very comfortable as the visitors looked in it, each one wearing an immaculate "duster," and all looking like members of a picnic party rather than business men bent on an errand of the hardest kind of business. John D. Spreckels occupied the front seat, and was known by all as the Simon of the Depot. He sat, always ready large and well-filled lunch baskets under the seat, together with sundry approved remedies for snake bites and tarantula stings. There was an anxious inquiry whether the Major had been forgotten, and when the Major had been forgotten, and when the party that the "remedies" were already on ice, their measure of satisfaction was complete.

The problem of getting seven persons, averaging over 180 pounds, into six seats was given up in despair at the last moment. Leon Sloss was the hero of the hour. He could not be squeezed in anywhere, and was decided not to have to sit in any one's lap. So a buggy was procured for him, and twenty minutes after his companion directors had departed he was taken in charge by Thomas E. Hughes and the pursuit commenced.

The directors had already breakfasted, and here again there was a change in the contemplated program. Fulton G. Berry had telegraphed the night before to the party when their train was at Port Costa, asking instructions about the how to get a late breakfast here. The answer was not received till after the directors had gone, but the directors got their breakfast all the same. Major Simpson of the Depot hotel was an early bird. So is John D. Spreckels, and when these two old friends met on the platform at the depot at 6 o'clock it needed only two seconds to settle the business. Mr. Spreckels wanted to go to work at once, and the Major set his force of cooks and waiters hustling in such a style that a substantial repast was taken in the early morning.

While Mr. Sloss was waiting for his buggy at the depot three or four business men who were up earlier than the rest came up to the depot, and a lively conversation ensued. Among the early arrivals were Louis Einstein, A. R. Briggs, Louis Gundelfinger, A. J. Wiener, and Judge G. A. Nourse.

Mr. Sloss spoke with unaffected confidence of the settlement of all difficulties in the way of the construction of the road. The China town question did not worry him in the least. He even looked upon the delay in settlement of that matter as a point in the company's favor, because if the lease were granted at once the company would be immediately called on to spend a large sum of money in improvements on the road, and the longer the matter is delayed the more time there will be to get the money required. Speaking of the valley and what the road would do for it, Mr. Sloss predicted that the moment the existing monopoly is broken the valley will be with its resources easily passed before it, and that it was indifferent to the progress of the valley; on the contrary, whatever tended to increase the output of the land in this section must inevitably benefit San Francisco in direct proportion.

Mr. Sloss jokingly dwelt on the merits of early rising and hinted to the bystanders that Fresno did not seem quite awake yet. Then with a hearty hand-shake and a smile all around, he mounted into the buggy and was whisked away.

Half an hour later quite a number of representatives of the Hundred Thousand Club and the Chamber of Commerce met on the street outside the Farmers' Bank and exchanged condolences. They had just learned that the men to whom they were about to tender the freedom of the city had left half an hour before. At first there was a disposition to criticize the snap judgment which appeared to have been taken on them, but when the matter was explained and the delayed telegram was opened it was speedily agreed that the sooner the directors covered the ground that they had to go over to San Francisco, the less there would be for them to stay and look over the resources of the rajahs on their return.

It is practically a settled fact that the party will return on Tuesday and give Fresno two-thirds of a day at least. There will be no chance for a longer stay as the general meeting of the directors will be held in San Francisco on Wednesday, and Claus Spreckels leaves for Europe two days later.

Obituary of Mrs. M. S. Cannon.

Mrs. M. S. Cannon was born in New York, June 11, 1810, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James C. Humphreys, on Dry Creek, May 6, 1895. From New York she removed with her parents to Indiana when she was quite young. She was married in 1832, and with her husband removed to Keokuk, Iowa. In 1845, with three children, they came to California, and she died in this state the rest of her life. She lived a consistent Christian, and died with an unfaltering faith in a future life.

Fresno's Climate.

The weather report yesterday showed that the temperature here was 95, and the percentage of the humidity of the air 1%. In a temperature of 66 on the coast, the percentage of humidity would be about 100%, and the heat would be almost unbearable. But here the air is dry, so that the heat is scarcely felt, especially if one is dressed in light clothing. Look at the matter from any point of view, and the advantages are in favor of Fresno.

THE SUPERVISORS.

They Spend the Day Attending to Routine Business.

D. S. Snodgrass of Selma yesterday appeared before the Board of Supervisors and asked that the county ordinance relative to the license of bankers be regulated in proportion to the amount of business done. On motion of Fletcher, seconded by Rose, the matter was referred to the District Attorney.

The road reports of J. H. La Rue and others, H. C. Miller and others, J. F. Ellwood and others, were continued until the June term; John P. Keane and others and J. W. Keane and others were continued without date. The report of William Hosking was ordered advertised, giving preference to the non-consenting members.

A petition by H. Huntsman and others was filed, asking that viewers be appointed for a road fifty feet wide over the following route: Commencing at a point on the quarter-section corner on west line of section 36, township 15, range 21; thence by the most practicable route in an easterly direction to an intersection with the county road, parallel with the Southern Pacific railroad track, a distance of about three-quarters of a mile.

The clerk was directed to advertise a warrant in favor of Mrs. Dunnigan, an inmate of the hospital, for transportation to Raymond, there to remain.

The board was occupied the remainder of the day in examining bills.

FRESNO ATHLETIC CLUB

EVERYTHING READY FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST.

Another Substitution Made at the Last Moment—Exhibition of Science.

The prospects are excellent for a scientific contest at the tournament to be held at the hall of the Fresno Amateur Athletic club tonight. As is well known the four-round go between Stewart Carter, the late instructor of the club, and L. A. Payne of the Sacramento Athletic club was declared off a few days ago. Carter found a substitute in Henry Sullivan of the San Francisco Athletic club, but another disappointment was in store for the management, and it really looked as if it would be a case of no contendee at all. At the last moment, however, a man has turned up with a good record, and who is confident that he can give Payne all the trouble he wants, and can "mix things" with the best of them.

The new-comer paid a visit to the Remondics often last night accompanied by his trainer, Charles Remond, the champion featherweight. His name is James Kennedy, and he weighs 149 pounds, about the same as Payne's. Kennedy is 5 feet 9 inches high, chest 39 inches, and with a typical prognostic frontispiece. He strips well, and can stand all the hammering. Payne is likely to give him in the four rounds to which the contest is limited. The trophy will be of the value of \$75, and will carry with it the championship of California in the amateur welter-weight class.

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In some time past you have devoted a great deal of editorial space which should be valuable to alleged personal peculiarities and idiosyncrasies of Thomas Joseph Spinney. Your personal vilification and abuse of this man have been limited only by your mental capacity. What you did not know you insinuated, and what you did not insinuate, you dared not.

I am not here to deliver a panegyric on Payne, but I am compelled to speak of him, and does not belong to the class of citizens who hold office by my suffrage. He is, perhaps, possessed of shrewdness, but that is not a recommendation to office. No, I cast no flower of esteem at him, nor do I construct a halo for his head.

But I wonder at you not the less.

Time was, not so many weeks ago, when you published many kindly words concerning this man; who was then just as unlettered just as ignorant, if you please, as he is now, and that is but a brief history.

Now that this is but a brief history,

Mr. Joseph Spinney was elected mayor of Fresno by Democratic votes.

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Mr. Michaelson is a man of great

ability, and has been a member of the club for some time.

All contests will be friendly and for points.

ITEMS FROM GILL.

Personal Mention and the News of the Neighborhood.

The school in our district closed Tuesday after a successful term taught by Miss Isabel Conn. In the evening Miss Conn and her pupils rendered a prettily arranged program at the schoolhouse, consisting of recitations, dialogues and singing. It was much appreciated by those present, and showed a marked improvement in school work.

Several persons of this part of the county and from Fresno were invited to the home of Miss Julia Beatty on M street, the occasion being in honor of her birthday. The evening was spent at cards and in conversation. At 11 o'clock an elegant lunch was served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Otto, Mrs. Anna Banta, Misses Julia Beatty, Olga Kline, Mrs. Otto, Mrs. Edith Fowler, Dulcie Banta and L. A. Otto.

The Gill Library Society closed last Saturday with a musical program. The society was kindly assisted by Mrs. Hollingsworth and Professor Sammonson. After the program strawberries and cake were served.

Court Notes.

The following business was transacted in the several departments of the superior court yesterday:

James Burton vs. D. L. Ashbrook; trial June 10th.

Albia E. Ayv vs. Clovis Hough; judgment for plaintiff; Ottello Scribner appointed commissioner, bond \$500.

Robert Smith vs. Hill; new trial granted.

Leon Hart vs. Hannah Hart; defendant allowed \$125 for expenses.

James Burton vs. George W. Fuller; trial June 10th.

Officers Elected.

The Good Templars of this city last night elected their officers for the ensuing term. The election resulted as follows: Chief templar, P. E. Adeleback; past templar, A. M. Drew; vice templar, Miss Clara Maxwell; secretary, L. E. Mead; financial secretary, Mrs. Annie McIntosh. As delegates to the county lodge which meets at Fowler today, the following were elected: Miss Irene Parish, Miss Eva Maxwell, Miss Lydia Mood and P. F. Adelback.

For Fifty Years.

Mr. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for children's teeth ails. All pothe, child's toothache, colds, etc., are quickly relieved by this medicine. It is prescribed for colds, etc., and is particularly recommended for diarrhea. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

THE MAN ABOUT TOWN.

The "Expositor" and City Trustee Spinney.

TRIBUTE TO THE HOWLING CAT.

A Typographical Artist in a Sunday School—It Seems to be Hot.

Like a brilliant meteor of scintillant glow Eva Evans again flashes across the Fresno horizon. This time she claims half of a name as the widow of John Sontag. The news that the charming Eva was the wife of John Sontag comes within the field of startling information, as the Remondics has already noted. She has heretofore claimed that she was the wife of Jim Evans before Sontag was killed, and, as is well known, it would keep almost any woman busy to be the wife of two men once. Many young women could be two spouses with but a single thought, two wives that beat as iron, the tendency of doubling up on affection in this way is to warp the too generous one after a while. It should be said for the fair Eva, too, that if she was really John Sontag's wife she succeeded in overcoming her grief for his demise with great alacrity. Evidently she has a remarkable faculty for burying her emotions. She should be careful not to let her soul burn full in front of her mouth before she dies.

If the feminine shoplifter who were fined \$100 apiece did any such amount of business as was rumored about this town, it really seems as if they might make money by keeping right on at the large-pocket business.

THE MAN ABOUT TOWN.

HERE AND THERE.

A Newsy Letter From a Roaming Correspondent.

The Temperance Colony Dramatic Club will give a popular Irish drama Saturday evening. This club has gained an enviable reputation. It is all honest work.

Ernest Vincent of Garfield is learning mechanical engineering at the Fresno Fluming Mills.

E. W. Williams visited his father at Goshen last week.

Fred Smith visited friends and relatives at Garfield, Sutherland and Stanislaus. George Parker will aid the Jefferson Corral band at the Temperance Colony Saturday.

The band has been engaged to furnish the music for the entertainment.

In my journey over the country I have been able to learn much about the people and condition of Fresno county. One year ago when the writer traveled over this county he found their confidence was almost entirely destroyed, improvements had ceased, land was idle, crops were neglected, the vineyards weedy and often not cultivated at all. It seemed that the people had given up all hope of bettering their境况. There was a gratifying absence of the hoodlum element, and the contest was witnessed by a number of citizens who saw a fight of this kind for the first time. The event of the evening was put on by the four rounds stipulated as the limit of the affair, and Payne could do no less than endeavor to repay the intended avenger.

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